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Lausanne, May 11th. 1981

Dear friends,

I was so glad to receive Paul Stabile's letter, which was addressed to Eduardo, my husband.

It's so long since I'm trying to establish contacts with you, and thanks to this letter it could finally be possible.

Eduardo studied at Saint Meinrad Seminary (class 1968); he is in prison in Rawson (Argentina) since 6 years.

After that all my family was persecuted by the Argentine Army. With our three children : Federico (9 years), Cecilia (8 years) and Liliana (6 years), I had to flee in 1977, and now we are in Switzerland.

Eduardo was imprisoned on May 8th. 1975, in San Luis (Argentina), and judged for having marxist bibliography.

His penalty is finished, but he continues beeing a prisoner and he is at the National Executive Power's disposition.

In the prison where he stays, at the extreme south of the country, a very hard climate, the authorities of the place are extremely severe, and his health is worsing very fastly.

Morally he is very strong, never complains about his pains, and he expresses a very deep conviction and christian hope.

Since he is in prison, he endures chronic sinusitis and gastro-enteritis, and troubles on the spinal column.

Since December 1980 he suffers of pleurisy, and he had to be placed in the prison's hospital; the only attendance he received were sedatives.

Since Easter, his health conditions are getting worse, to pleurisy there was chronical bronchitis added, with heart complications.

Seeing this situation, many doctors and church people from several countries, who share his sufferings, are writing letters to the following adresses :

1) Señor Ministro del Interior
 General Horacio Tomas Liendo
 Balcarce 50
 CAPITAL FEDERAL - Argentina -

2) Señor Comandante del 3er. Cuerpo del Ejercito
 General Antonio Domingo Ruzzi
 Santa Rosa 657
 POCO MADERA - Argentina -

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In those letters we ask for :

- 1) Eduardo's transfer to a prison in Buenos Aires.
- 2) Adequate medical care, continuous and regularly.
- 3) The permission of leaving the country, using of the so called "option right". He could come to Switzerland, as this government gave him a visa to enter, two years ago.

Besides, Eduardo is recognized and sponsored by Amnesty International, and the Group 109 from Västerås (Sweden).

Maybe you had news from us through the American deaconess Gloria Perez, who works in Mexico.

I supplicate you to help us, writing letters to Argentina, its an urgent action, Eduardo's life is in danger.

Thank you so much for everything you'll do.

Yours gratefully.

Estela Llosa
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I include a photocopy of an article that appeared in a protestant newspaper.